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Hryhoriy and Oksana Grabowicz. Hryhoriy is a graduate student in comparative literature at Harvard. His wife came here two and a half years ago from Poland ~~to~~ to do sociological research on the Polish group in the U.S. for her studies in Poland, but stayed here to get married. They travelled to Poland to visit Oksana's parents and for purposes of research. This was Hryhoriy's third trip - he had gone before for a summer course, and later for a year as a Fulbright scholar in Poland. They were in Poland from mid-June to mid-September, 1969.

1. While in Poland, the visitors saw very few Ukrainians and passed themselves off as Polish with everyone but the closest family.
2. Both observed that there seemed to be an official effort in progress to make it appear that Ukrainians and Poles have always been on good terms. Several books on friendly Polish-Ukrainian relations have been published. But these efforts are treated as a joke by Ukrainians and Poles alike. Oksana, who was born and lived in Poland until quite recently, claims that the vast majority of the Ukrainian intelligentsia in Poland does not admit to being Ukrainian because there is strong discrimination against them.
3. There seem to be people in the party and the government who are looking after Ukrainian "interests" in Poland. But no one appears to know who this is and what the "ulterior motive" for this is.
4. The USKT /Ukrainian Social and Cultural Association/ is 90% infiltrated by secret police agents. Most Ukrainians want nothing to do with this organization - except in the eastern parts of Poland (Lemko lands) where it seems to be more popular.
5. The visitors report that Ukrainians in Poland know even less than Ukrainians abroad about affairs in Ukraine. There was no mention at all of dissenters in Ukraine. Oksana claims that it is almost impossible for Ukrainians who live in Poland to receive permission to visit Ukraine.
6. It is no longer possible to buy American and English newspapers on stands in Warsaw. However, West German papers are still on sale. When Hryhoriy was in Poland three years ago it was possible to buy the New York Times and the London Times openly in Warsaw.
7. Poles and Ukrainians alike are terrified of West Germany and believe the official propaganda that had the Warsaw pact armies not invaded Czechoslovakia, the West Germans would have intervened.
8. Graft is an accepted feature of daily life. People drink in great quantities.
9. The visitors were in Poland at the time of the moon landing. The Poles were enthusiastic about it and not too surprised that the Americans were first. In conjunction with this a minor scandal took place in Warsaw. An old party member (pre-war) who is also a sculptor made a monument to honor the first men on the moon, whoever they might be. After the Americans landed he simply inserted their names on the statue and donated it to the state. It was placed in a Warsaw park - the first monument to be erected to honor this occasion. Nixon sent his thanks. Several days later a correspondent arrived from Moscow and there was quite a fuss about the inappropriateness of Poland being the first country to honor the Americans in this way. However, there was no way in which to remove the monument and it was left to stand. One of the Polish correspondents later told the visitor that sometimes soon there would be construction and landscaping in the park and the statue would be quietly removed.

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